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Yours sincerely,

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- Press release : "Arkema announces a capacity increase at its Balan HC EVA production plant"

Paris, December 5th, 2006

## **Arkema announces a capacity increase at its Balan HC EVA production plant**

Following a successful startup mid-2005, Arkema announces a 15% capacity increase for its High Content Ethylene – Vinyl Acetate (HC EVA) copolymer production plant at its Balan industrial facility. This capacity increase will come on stream at the end of 2006, and will allow Arkema to pursue its development strategy in growth markets, while consolidating its commercial rankings in particular in Europe.

Built in accordance with the best safety, quality and environmental standards, the Balan plant will allow us to produce classic HC EVAs as well as very high content specialty EVAs.

« This capacity increase will allow us to assist our customers' developments over the long term », explains Lando Ferretti, Group President of Arkema's Technical Polymers Business Unit.

Marketed under the tradename Evatane<sup>®</sup>, Arkema's HC EVAs are used in countless industrial applications, in particular for the manufacture of hotmelt glues, cables, multilayer packaging film, solar panels, petroleum additives, bitumen and ink.

*A world-class chemical concern, Arkema combines three strategically related, integrated businesses: Vinyl Products, Industrial Chemicals and Performance Products. With operations in more than 40 countries and 18,400 employees, the company reported revenue of €5.7 billion in 2005. Leveraging six research centers in France, the United States and Japan and internationally recognized brands, Arkema holds leadership positions in each of its principal markets.*

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